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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2011, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2011

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the Members of this people's House deliberate these days, give them the wisdom and magnanimity to lay aside what might divide us as a people to forge a secure future for our country.

We pray for all people who have special needs. May Your presence be known to those who are sick, that they might feel the power of Your healing spirit. Be with those who suffer persecution in so many places of our world, and bless our troops who are engaged in the easing of those sufferings. Give to all who are afraid or anxious or whose minds are clouded by uncertain futures the peace and confidence that come from trust in Your goodness and mercy.

We thank You again for the tremendous opportunity You have given the Members of this House to serve their fellow citizens. Inspire them to be their best selves and may they be, in turn, an inspiration to the Nation and to the world.

May all that is done here this day be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. FLEMING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLEMING led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side.

FAMILIES NEED JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this morning's announcement of the unemployment rate proves again the President's economic policies are failing American families.

The unemployment rate has increased to a tragic 9.2 percent. The out-of-control borrowing and spending in Washington continues to kill small business job creation.

It has been 1 year since the President declared an end to the recession and

the beginning of the summer of recovery. The only way to describe the country's job numbers during that time is a failure of leadership. Private employment is now 1.8 million below the level from when the wasteful stimulus passed.

Where are the jobs, Mr. President?

This administration's policies are crippling our economy and killing job creation. The President's reelection campaign says the unemployment rate does not matter, but American families know better.

The House Republicans' "Cut and Grow" plan is very simple: First cut spending, then the economy will grow. This is a practical solution to get Americans back to work.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

WAR AND WAR POWERS

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Congress is awakening to its constitutional obligations on matters of war and peace. In the past 2 months, we have sparked a great debate on war and on war powers, the implications of which will continue to be felt in this Nation and around the world.

Soon, the war in Libya and the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq will go beyond foreign policy issues. They will become domestic issues, financial security issues. As we continue to wage these wars, more and more Americans

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